

**HIGH SCHOOL GIFTED AND TALENTED MUSIC COURSE
REGISTRATION APPLICATION**

Date _____ High School _____

Student Name _____

Current Grade Level _____ Student ID _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Primary Instrument or Voice Part _____

Course Title _____ Course Number: _____

Signatures: 1. Student _____

2. Parent _____

3. Music Teacher _____

In the space below, please write a paragraph describing what you hope to accomplish by taking the G/T music course and how participating in this course will assist you in furthering your educational goals.

HOWARD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GIFTED AND TALENTED MUSIC COURSES

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Gifted and Talented (G/T) music course offerings?

The traditional courses of Chamber Choir (formerly Madrigal Singers), String Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble are now each being offered with a G/T option for students interested in pursuing an advanced-level music curriculum while participating in an ensemble. The Chamber Choir G/T, String Orchestra G/T, and Wind Ensemble G/T courses have been added to the *Catalog of Approved High School Courses* for the 2010-2011 school year.

Who are the G/T courses designed for?

These courses are designed for those students who are currently excelling within the ensemble, who are interested in a more in-depth course of study and who may be considering applying to a conservatory / music school for a possible career in music. Students must be performing at a high level, show a high level of task commitment, and demonstrate the ability to study independently.

Who is eligible to participate in the G/T music courses?

Eligible students are those who pass an audition and are accepted into one of the performing ensembles listed in the *Catalog of Approved High School Courses* (Chamber Choir, String Orchestra, or Wind Ensemble). In addition to the basic audition requirements, prospective G/T students must be prepared to perform a solo of grade V-VI as identified on the Maryland Music Educators Association list at the time of the audition.

What is the difference between the G/T course curriculum and the regular course curriculum (e.g., Chamber Choir G/T and Chamber Choir)?

Students eligible for participation in the G/T course will complete the requirements for participation in the Chamber Choir, String Orchestra or Wind Ensemble and complete the additional advanced-level G/T course requirements. These additional requirements include playing solo literature of grade V-VI and creating an electronic portfolio consisting of several written assignments and digital video recordings of solo performances. The course syllabus will specify the requirements in more detail.

Can a student drop the G/T course and still participate in the regular ensemble?

Yes, a student may drop the G/T course following the HCPSS policies / procedures and still be able to participate in the ensemble.

What role does the teacher have in these unique course offerings?

The music teacher / director's primary role is to provide guidance and feedback throughout the year in the preparation for performances and the development of the portfolios. Teachers will also determine the quarter, semester, and final grades.